

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY JULY 14 2014 85 N. MARKET ST. 7 PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present were Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director David Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes from the June 23 Finance Committee meeting and the regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Tyger. In reference to the June monthly reports Mr. Elzer stated there was no count for the number of swimmers for June, the Clerk stated that was probably a typo and that she would get the numbers. Mr. Elzer also asked about the number of mutual aid calls needed by EP was double from last month and that we lose revenue when that happens. He asked what could be done. Manager Montelone said he and the Chief had a meeting with Covington, they have been doing emergency/non emergency transports there but the amount they are paying is lower than anticipated and it may not be advantageous. Mr. Figley stated he objected to the new ambulance. Monteleone stated the non emergency transports are not a dead issue, only that he feels they should wait until the new Fire Chief is in place to address it again. Mr. Elzer said we need to "think outside the box" in terms of recruiting. Mr. Elzer asked if updated phones had been looked into for the employees, Monteleone said they would work on it. In reference to the Park report Mr. Cohen asked about the concession stand revenue and the amounts paid, Monteleone stated that Ms. Justison came in on the 7th and made a payment for utilities and the 5% of the gross which was around \$83.00. She also said she would give him a more detailed report and he would give copies to council. Mr. Cohen also asked about the discrepancy in water produced and billed, he stated in May there was 25 million gallons of water produced and we only got paid for about 7 ½ million gallons and in June it dropped to 17 million gallons, he asked what happened in May and where the water went. Monteleone stated Elzer had mentioned possible billing issues and he has had the water department looking into that, and there is an area they are looking into and he will give council the info when he has it. He said they will have people come in to start narrowing it down but he doesn't have any new answers. Mr. Cohen stated this can't just be a leak, Finance Director Traci Thompson stated that the pool was filled a couple times in that time frame. Mr. Elzer stated there is a swimming pools worth of water lost every day and that there should be around a 20% water loss but not this much. With this amount of water missing, this isn't one problem it's a series of problems including none of the city buildings or the park being metered and Monteleone agreed. He said leaks may be part of it, also backwashing at the plant, and flushing hydrants. There was a lengthy discussion on the water loss including the loss of a significant amount of water and the cost and need to drill an entirely new well. Montelone asked if council wanted to meter everything the village has and Mr. Cohen said it's a good idea. Monteleone said that would include all buildings, backwashing, hydrant flushing, and filling the pool and that it was put into the budget to start looking for leaks. Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the June department reports, seconded by Mrs. Wisser. All in favor. There were no agenda items.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated there would be an Architectural Design Board meeting Thursday the 17th at 6Pm.

MAYOR: Mayor Margo Zuch thanked Don Smith, Bob Veon and Bill Riddle for their work every year at the park in the restrooms and with landscaping. She also thanked the Alumni Association, the Firefighters Association, Nate Sugar and Zack Dunn for planning the entertainment and Jerry Coblentz and the park crew for having the park in great shape for the 4th of July. Mr. Figley also thanked John Hamner and CSI Environmental for having the park spotless by 8:00 on the July 5th.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated they will be doing more chip & seal next week and that they have done around 7 miles of crack filling. The street dept. has been working on the brush in the creek beds and cleaning and replacing catch basins. He said Scott Wolfe transferred from the Street Dept. to the Water Dept. He said the Water Dept. is retiring a 1993 Ford truck, the new F250 truck was approved in the budget last year at a purchase price of \$31,263.00. Mr. Elzer asked if the village is continuing to work on standardizing all of the trucks and Monteleone said yes. He stated the Fire Chief is retiring and we are advertising for a replacement. Mr. Figley asked if the Fire Chief

had to live in town and Monteleone said no, Figley asked Atty. Powers to look into it. The Building Inspector is still working hard, the Fourth of July went great.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated he is spending a lot of time in Municipal Court for hearings. Oil & Gas leasing is still on the back burner for a while but he is still working on it.

STREET: Mr. Figley stated he is very pleased with the street program and he thanked the residents for passing the street levy because that makes it all possible. He said the residents have been very patient and there are still areas to be done. He also said there is a large tree at the entrance of the park that lost a large limb but the entire tree could go any time. Monteleone stated he spoke to the resident who lives there and the tree is on her property, she is going to address it. .

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated he met with the Manager to discuss park finances and at this point it looks like the Park was profitable in June, albeit not a huge profit it was in the black. Monteleone said to keep in mind the first month had all of the pool passes which is around \$10,000.00 and will not show up again this summer.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser asked about the High St. issue. He said he has asked the engineers for a cost estimate on the repair and that he spoke with Bonnie Davis today, he stated the line had been jettied a week or so ago and Davis told him there hasn't been an issue since then however John Davis said there were problems after the hard rains. He stated they would jet the line every two weeks if need be until the repairs can be made.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

Village Manager Monteleone stated the gentlemen who do the videos from the drone have done a new one from the 4th of July and its tremendous and everyone should go on Facebook to look at it. Mayor Zuch stated she spoke with them and they told her they would do a presentation at a council meeting. Monteleone stated he would contact them to have it set up for the next meeting. Mr. Elzer thanked Finance Director Traci Thompson for the work she put into explaining the budget and also asked about the money from the ambulance, if it was coming from the money donated from Unity and the Fire Levy and Monteleone said yes.

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Chuck McGuire, John & Bonnie Davis, Chief Kevin Dickey, Dianna Elzer, Mark Walker, Jim Williams, Mary Anne Tyger, Melody Gustofson, and Katie Schwendeman.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 10-2014 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the City of East Palestine, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 10-2014. Atty. Beagle-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Elzer-Y, Mr. Figley-Y, Mr. Tyger-Y, Mrs. Wisser-Y. 6 YES to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 11-2014 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance approving and ratifying the Columbiana County Economic Development Department agreement to replace the Sumner Street Bridge, and to appropriate the required matching funds.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 11-2014. Atty. Beagle-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Elzer-Y, Mr. Figley-N, Mr. Tyger-Y, Mrs. Wisser-Y. 5 to 1 to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 12-2014 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 13-2014 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into and execute all financing documents as required by Huntington National Bank to secure financing in the principle amount of**

\$109,000.00 with a 2.90% interest, for the purchase of a 2014 Osage Super Warrior Type III ambulance.

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MARGO ZUCH MAYOR